

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto**  
**FEMA-1661-DR-VA**  
**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 31**  
**1500 Hours 18 October 2006**

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO)**  
**4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060**  
**VDEM Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours**  
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**(New or highlighted information is bold)**

**SUMMARY**

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**JFO Operations:** Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Wednesday of each week.

**State of Emergency and Executive Order:** By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

**Regarding PA**, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction (City of Newport News) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. Current eligible 22 jurisdictions (3 cities and 19 counties)(\* **Note this will be the final detail listing in Sitrep**):

<b>Richmond (City of)</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>Middlesex</b>
<b>Poquoson (City of)</b>	<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>Northampton</b>
<b>Newport News (City of)</b>	<b>Isle of Wight</b>	<b>Northumberland</b>
<b>Accomack</b>	<b>James City</b>	<b>Richmond</b>
<b>Caroline</b>	<b>King William</b>	<b>Surry</b>
<b>Charles City</b>	<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>Sussex</b>
<b>Dinwiddie</b>	<b>Mathews</b>	<b>Westmoreland</b>
		<b>York</b>

On 10 Oct 2006 FEMA denied the following requested three jurisdictions for PA:  
Hampton (City of)                      New Kent                      Southampton

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, PDAs were conducted on 12 Oct 2006 for an additional six jurisdictions. PA thresholds were confirmed by PDA for three jurisdictions. On 13 Oct 2006 FEMA was requested to add the three jurisdictions to the PA Program. **FEMA granted approval on 18 Oct 2006 for the addition of the counties of:**

<b>Greensville</b>	<b>Lunenburg</b>	<b>King and Queen</b>
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**Regarding IA**, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties listed below) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA.

**Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration:**

**Richmond (City of)  
Hampton (City of)  
Newport News (City of)**

**Gloucester  
Northumberland**

### **WEATHER**

**Seven-day forecast (W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 18-24 Oct 2006):** Today and tonight will be partly cloudy, north-east winds 3-5 mph, with a high of 77 and a nightly low of 55. **Thursday** will be early morning fog, then partly cloudy 40% chance of rain, new accumulation of less than 0.1 inch, variable winds 4-8 mph, with a high of 77 and a nightly low of 62. **Friday** will be chance of showers before noon, 40% chance of rain, new accumulation again of less than 0.1 inch, then partly cloudy, then clear, west winds 9-11 mph, with a daily high of 72 and a nightly low of 44. **Saturday** will be mostly sunny then partly cloudy, with a daily high of 65 and a nightly low of 42. **Sunday** will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 64 and a nightly low of 45. **Monday** will be partly cloudy with a daily high of 63 and a nightly low of 40. **Tuesday** will be mostly sunny, with a daily high of 61.

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)**

**Legislative Liaison:**

The 22 affected jurisdictions are represented by 34 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A.Warren ([art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov)).

**Public Information Office (PIO)**

VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. **PIO distributed news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and the four SBA loan assistance centers and prepared call-out to the SBA declared counties and contiguous counties on these SBA loan assistance centers.**

### **OPERATIONS SECTION**

#### **RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH**

**ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering:**

Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to 22 Oct 2006 by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

**ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:**

**RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

**Initial Damage Assessment Reports:**

<b>Jurisdictions</b> (65 each)	<b>Private</b> (30 each)	<b>Public</b> (62 each)
Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.		
**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.		
***Includes Public Service Authorities		
State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
Subtotal		\$2,283,019.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$54,735,604.53

**State Public Assistance  
(PA) Briefings:**

**Applicants' Briefings Conducted:**

1. 5 Oct 2006, Attendees-45 (City of Richmond-31, FEMA-8, VDEM-6)
2. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-22 (Five Electric Coop Reps-13, FEMA-4, VDEM-5)
3. 11 Oct 2006 Attendees-48 (Eleven Jurisdictions-19, FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Other-6)
4. 17 Oct 2006 Attendees-TBP (Seven State Agencies, FEMA, VDEM)

**Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:**

1. When: Wed, 18 Oct 2006 (1400 hours)  
Where: Accomack Northampton Elect Coop Bldg, Tasley, VA  
Attendees: All Eastern Shore Applicants

**Kick-off Meetings Conducted:**

1. 10 Oct 2006, Attendees-39 (City of Richmond-28, FEMA-5, VDEM-6)
2. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (A&N Electric Cooperative, FEMA, VDEM)
3. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Five Counties, FEMA, VDEM)
4. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Gloucester County, FEMA, VDEM)
5. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Middlesex County, FEMA, VDEM)
6. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (City of Newport News, FEMA, VDEM)
7. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (Mathews County, FEMA, VDEM)
8. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (VDOT, FEMA, VDEM)
9. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (DCR, FEMA, VDEM)
10. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-TBP (James City County, James City Service Auth, FEMA, VDEM)

**Kick-off Meetings Scheduled:**

1. When: Thu, 19 Oct 2006 (0900 hours)  
Where: 500 City Hall Ave, Poquoson, VA 23605  
Attendees: Poquoson (City of)
2. When: Tue, 19 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)  
Where: Ballard & Main St (East Room) Village, Yorktown, VA  
Attendees: York County
3. When: Fri, 20 Oct 2006 (1000hours)  
Where: TBD  
Attendees: Isle of Wight County and Town of Smithfield

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

**Declared 21 jurisdictions: Fri, 20 Oct 2006**  
**Amended one jurisdiction: Mon, 6 Nov 2006**

**RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:**

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**RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (32 total):**

Gloucester County	A & N Electrical Cooperative
James City County	Northern Neck Electric Cooperative
Lancaster County	Rappahannock Electrical Cooperative
Mathews County	James City Service Authority
Middlesex County	Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation
Northampton County	Virginia Dept of Corrections
Northumberland County	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management

Richmond County	Virginia Dept of General Services
Westmoreland County	Virginia Dept of Mental Health
York County	Virginia Dept of State Police
Newport News (City of)	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Poquoson (City of)	Melfa (Town of)
Richmond (City of)	Onancock (Town of)
Chincoteague (Town of)	Smithfield (Town of)
Colonial Beach (Town of)	Tappahannock (Town of)
Kilmarnock (Town of)	Wachapreague (Town of)

#### **Public Assistance Training Courses Conducted:**

1. **Course (E382): Public Assistance Operations-II**  
11-13 Oct 2006 at FEMA/VDEM JFO for PA officers/staff (21 students)

#### **Individual Assistance:**

Pursuant to the SBA declaration, the following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers have been opened for the five declared jurisdictions and all contiguous jurisdictions. Individuals may visit any of the Centers for SBA assistance.

#### **SBA Disaster Outreach Centers:**

1. **City of Richmond:**  
When: Opened 1300 Hours, 17 Oct 2006 (Tue)  
Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
Where: Norrell School Annex, 201 W Graham Rd, Richmond, VA
2. **Cities of Hampton and Newport News:**  
When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
Where: Y H Tomas Center, 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669
3. **Gloucester County:**  
When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
Where: Fire Station 3, 2676 Hayes Rd, Hayes, VA 23072
4. **Northumberland County:**  
When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
Where: Old County Courthouse, 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

#### **Mitigation:**

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Administration Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by Michael Cline today and have been submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Noah Thacker.

#### **Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):**

1. Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction  
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)  
Where: TBD  
Attendees: TBD
2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings  
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)  
Where: TBD  
Attendees: TBD

#### **HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:**

1. When: Mon, 30 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)  
Where: VDEM Trade Court Office, Richmond, VA  
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
2. When: Tue, 31 Oct 2006 (1300 hours)  
Where: Poquoson City Hall, Poquoson, VA  
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
3. When: Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1300 hours)  
Where: Northern Neck Plan Dist Commission Office, Warsaw, VA  
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM

4. When: Tue, 7 Nov 2006 (1500 hours)  
Where: Accomack Northampton PDC Office, Accomack, VA  
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM

**All jurisdictions impacted by Tropical Depression Ernesto have been notified by email and traditional mail of upcoming HMGP Applicants Briefings. Interest far exceeds available funds; managing expectations is essential.**

**Michelle Pope (VDEM) provided a presentation on mitigation programs to the first of three Virginia Floodplain Managers Association workshops scheduled this fall.**

**Citizen Workshop for Northumberland County, Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1900 hours), Location TBD: At the request of County Administrator, Kenny Eades, this workshop was scheduled to address citizen issues. Topics covered will include flood, wind and other homeowner's insurance issues, SBA loans, mitigation methods, grants and long-term recovery planning for property owners. Speakers will brief the audience on their area of expertise, the floor will be opened for questions, and then residents can speak with our team of experts one-on-one at the end of the Workshop.**

### **PLANNING SECTION**

#### **ESF 7 – Resource**

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

### **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

#### **Personnel Unit:**

**VDEM JFO / field staffing is 47 (Permanent Staff-7, Reservists-16 Contractor-24).**

#### **Administration Unit:**

**Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) will continue to be on Tu&Th.**

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS**

#### **FEMA-1655-DR-VA:**

RPA's were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, and private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **18 October 2006, a total of 222** (current estimated projection is **266**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

<b>Obligated:</b>	<b>\$2,991,084.65</b>
<b>Disbursed:</b>	<b>\$ 257,098.93</b>

#### **October (6-9) Flooding:**

**On 9 October (1540 hrs) Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. Local Emergency declarations were made in several jurisdictions. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, PDAs were conducted on 16 Oct 2006 for the following jurisdictions. PA and IA results are currently being evaluated.**

**Franklin (City of)**

**Isle of Wight County**

**James City County**

**Poquoson (City of)**

**Southampton County**

**All affected state legislators are being apprised of ongoing damage assessments and status of events (POC Mr. Art Warren). VDEM PIO traveled with PDA teams to City of Franklin and conducted interviews with WRVA Radio, WTVR-TV channel 6, WAVY-TV channel 10, WTKR-TV, WVEC-TV, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *Virginia Pilot*, *Tidewater News*, and the *Associated Press*.**

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